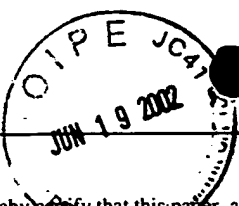


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2002 which is due June 13, 2002,
please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend claim 9 as follows:

9. (TWICE AMENDED) A silicon refining installation comprising:
a cold inductive crucible (1) adapted to receiving the silicon;

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